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### ***Small Business/Small Community Assistance Program***

# **2006 Annual Report**



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## Case Studies for 2006



Kenneth Gobert, owner, The Movie Barn, Erwinville, La.

### **The Movie Barn Erwinville, La.**

Operations: Movie rental  
Number of Employees: 2  
SIC Code: 5735  
No. of Point Sources: 1

Kenneth Gobert, owner of The Movie Barn on Highway 190 in Erwinville, La., asked for help in applying for a sanitary discharge permit. He added a small food service business to his movie rental store, which then required him to upgrade his sanitary wastewater treatment from a septic to a

mechanical aerated treatment unit. Patrick Devillier, SBSCAP Engineer, visited the site and helped Mr. Gobert complete the permit application. Patrick examined the treatment system and discharge point, and advised him on future maintenance and permit compliance responsibilities.

*"Patrick was very helpful; he answered all my questions,"* said Mr. Gobert.



Bubba Cullotta, owner, Insurance Wrecking Co.,  
Baton Rouge, La.

### Insurance Wrecking Co. Baton Rouge, La.

Operations: Wrecking company  
Number of Employees: 1  
SIC Code: 5015  
No. of Point Sources: 1

Bubba Cullotta, owner of the Insurance Wrecking Company on Airline Highway in Baton Rouge, La., asked for help in understanding his stormwater discharge permit requirements.

Patrick Devillier, SBSCAP Engineer, visited him and examined his site for pollutant exposures, and

prepared a stormwater pollution prevention plan.

Patrick suggested best management practices for managing fluids, and explained permit responsibilities (monitoring, reporting, record-keeping, site inspections, employee training, etc.).

*“Patrick was very thorough and did a great job for me. He broke things down and made it easy for me,” said Mr. Cullotta.*

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## From the Manager

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2006 was a year of continued recovery and reconstruction efforts for Louisianians trying to get their lives back together in the aftermath of both hurricanes Katrina and Rita. It was a year of open forums and meetings across the state to allow displaced people and businesses the opportunity to express their opinions on how reconstruction and planning should proceed. The Small Business/Small Community Assistance Program participated in the various meetings around the state such as the Louisiana Recovery Authority meetings networking with citizens, explaining our services, and offering assistance to anyone with environmental issues or questions.

The SBSCAP staff participated in several expositions, seminars, and workshops during 2006. Among these events were the Stormwater Construction Permit Inspector training, MS-4 Internal Audit training seminar, AG EXPO, Greater Baton Rouge Industrial Show, Environmental Regulatory Compliance Conference, Earth Day, Underground Storage Tank training classes, Acadiana Home Builders Association seminar, Construction Storm Water Permitting seminar, and the Timber Association seminar.



Yanfu Zhao, P.E., Manager

The SBSCAP staff either visited or contacted 260 newly permitted facilities during 2006 to explain permit obligations. We also made follow-up contacts with Underground Storage Tank class attendees to answer their questions.

Several SBSCAP staff members were interviewed by TV morning talk show hosts around the state in April and August for more public awareness about our program. We also hosted a series of statewide community meetings with the LDEQ Mercury Initiative Program.

Outreach letters designed to introduce SBSCAP were mailed to business contacts throughout the state. Sanitary Wastewater compliance advisory letters, from Department of Health and Hospitals referrals, were sent out along with permit applications to small businesses.

## Case Studies for 2006

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The discussions led to an agreement among the HBA, LDEQ, the City of Shreveport, and Bossier City to work together to do a series of educational outreach presentations for the builders and developers that would include local and state government.

Through this effort, several presentations were conducted, as well as some one-on-one presentations, for developers and the builders within their developments.

In addition, EPA provided special training for local and state inspectors to get regulators “on the same page” in order to reduce contradictions between agencies.

This effort began an ongoing relationship among the HBA, LDEQ, the City of Shreveport, and Bossier City to educate builders and developers on environmental regulations, and find practical ways to minimize the economic and regulatory burden on developers and builders.

*“My sincere thanks to Ron Gray and Larry Lashley for their part in creating a strong line of communication between the HBA and those at LDEQ. Many times, adversarial positions are taken*

*because of a lack of understanding between two parties. Ron and Larry have been very instrumental in keeping me informed and helping me educate our members. It is my goal to bring educational development to the members and a strong sense of community to the Shreveport-Bossier area. Ron and Larry’s efforts have assisted me greatly in achieving that goal,”* said Ms. Carman.



## Case Studies for 2006



Ron Gray, SBSCAP Environmental Scientist, with Judy Carman, Executive Officer of the Northwest Louisiana Home Builders Association.

### Northwest Louisiana Home Builders Association Shreveport, La.

Operations: Northwest Louisiana  
Home Builders Association

Number of Employees: 630  
members and associates

SIC Code: 8621

Number of Point Sources: 100's of  
building locations  
throughout Shreveport and  
Bossier City

Established in 1955, the Northwest Louisiana Home Builders Association represents and serves all member builders in Northwest Louisiana involved in residential new construction, residential remodeling, commercial construction, and land

development activities; and associate member businesses and professionals engaged in activities related to the building industry.

Early in 2006, several members of the local HBA were visited by the SBSCAP staff. As a result of those visits, it became clear that there was much confusion over the requirements of the construction storm water general permits. This confusion existed not just with the builders, developers, and project engineers, but often with the state and local government inspectors doing over-site of these projects as well.

The SBSCAP, along with the Compliance Advisory Panel members, were actively involved in the development process of regulatory permitting for small emission sources.

During this year, we migrated the information in our SBSCAP database into Tools for Environmental Management and Protection Organizations or TEMPO, the Department's central database management system for tracking activities, to improve communication within the Agency. We also provide information through LDEQ's Electronic Document Management System or EDMS for public access to public records.

The SBSCAP will increase outreach and assistance to small businesses and small communities in 2007.

### Mission

Our mission is to provide environmental regulatory assistance and information to small businesses and small communities.

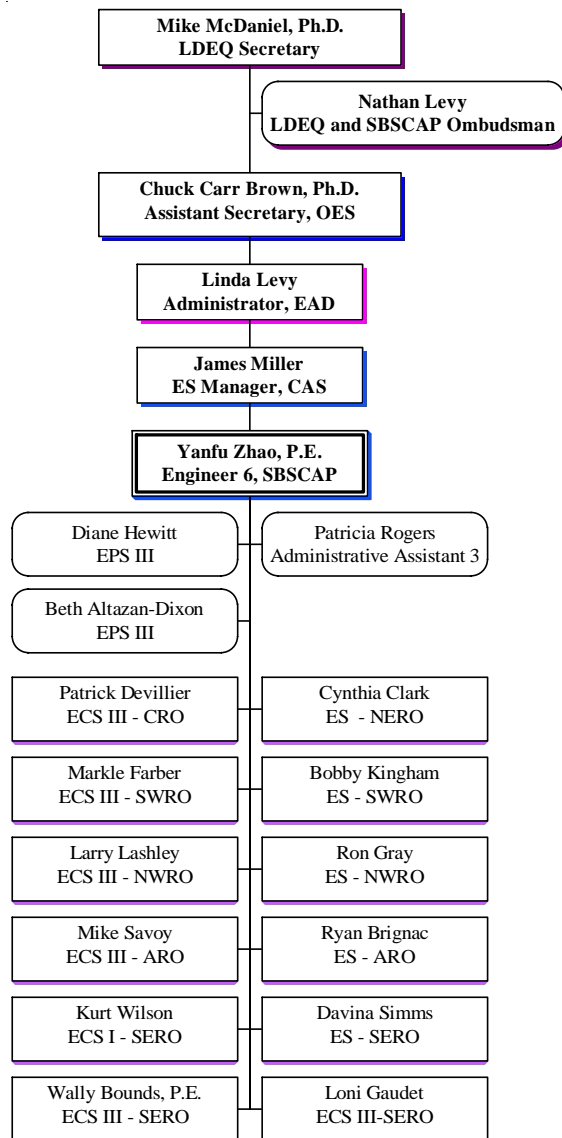


Louisiana Recovery Authority Meeting held at the LDEQ Galvez Bldg., Baton Rouge, La., January, 2006.



# Organizational Chart

LDEQ's Office of Environmental Services  
Environmental Assistance Division  
Compliance Assistance Section  
Small Business/Small Community Assistance Program



## Case Studies for 2006



Genevieve Ellis, City Clerk, **The Village of Richmond, Madison Parish, La.**

Operations: Small Municipality  
Number of Employees: 5  
SIC Code: 9111  
No. of Point Sources: 1

The Village of Richmond has a 3-cell oxidation pond with disinfection followed by an artificial marsh which discharges into a Madison Parish drainage ditch, and into Brushy Bayou.

The Village of Richmond serves 140 homes, 24 trailers, seven apartments and a nursing home. The 2004 census showed a population of 604 people in the municipality.

Ms. Genevieve Ellis, City Clerk, contacted Cynthia Clark, SBSCAP Environmental Scientist, by telephone for assistance in filling out an application for a LPDES wastewater discharge permit for the Village of Richmond. With Ms. Clark's assistance, she submitted the application to LDEQ

in August 2006, and received the permit in December 2006.

Ms. Ellis mentioned that people are generally afraid of LDEQ, but she thought the friendliness of the SBSCAP was very nice. *"I'm so grateful for your help with filling out the application,"* said Ms. Ellis.



## Case Studies for 2006



David Thomas, owner, D & S Tire and Truck Service, New Iberia, La.

### D&S Tire and Truck Service New Iberia, La.

Operations: Food grade internal  
washout tank facility  
Number of Employees: 1  
SIC Code: 7542  
No. of Point Sources: 1

D & S Tire and Truck Service operates a food grade tank internal washout facility.

Mike Savoy, SBSCAP Engineer, was called to assist Mr. Thomas with a permit modification to add a sanitary outfall to their permit.

*“Small Business representative, Mike Savoy, helped us with a water discharge permit and saved us consultant fees,” said Mr. Thomas.*

## History

The Louisiana DEQ SMALL BUSINESS/SMALL COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM’s unique role began in 1992 when it was created by the Louisiana Legislature in response to the federal Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990.

Congress, in Section 507 of the CAAA, directed each state to establish a dedicated resource to assist small business owners in understanding and complying with the CAAA requirements.

Governor Edwin W. Edwards submitted the LDEQ’s State Implementation Plan to the EPA Region VI which granted final approval in June, 1994. Funding is fee-based as allowed for under Title V of the 1990 CAAA.

This free assistance service operates within the LDEQ’s Environmental Assistance Division of the Office of Environmental Services.

The SBSCAP technical staff is one of three components of this program, the other two being the State Small Business Ombudsman, and the Compliance Advisory Panel.

When the Governor’s Office of Permits was abolished in 1996, LDEQ assumed responsibility for the Ombudsman’s appointment.

The Ombudsman acts as an advocate on behalf of small businesses relative to environmental issues.

The CAP is composed of eight small business owners and representatives appointed by the governor, the state legislature, LDEQ, and the Department of Economic Development. The panel oversees the program and reviews technical documents for small businesses.

In July 2000, the program expanded to provide multimedia assistance to address air emissions, hazardous and solid wastes, waste water discharges, and other environmental regulatory compliance issues as directed by the LDEQ Secretary.

In 2005, five environmental scientist positions were added to the program, expanding its scope of services to include assisting small communities.



## SBSCAP's Role

Services provided by the SBSCAP staff to small businesses include:

- Assisting in understanding complex federal and state regulations in all environmental media and providing advice on how to comply with them;
- Assisting in understanding the rights and obligations of small businesses with respect to regulations;
- Identifying emission sources and pollutants;
- Estimating emissions at each source for inventory questionnaires;
- Preparing environmental permit applications and exemptions;
- Developing pollution prevention plans;
- Assisting newly permitted facilities in understanding their responsibilities; and
- Assisting small communities and municipalities in resolving environmental issues, and providing support and resources to LDEQ's Community Industry Relations Group.

### Commitment

**Our commitment is to the highest level of professionalism and to treat every client with respect and fairness.**

## SBSCAP Web Site

The SBSCAP's web site address is: [www.deq.louisiana.gov](http://www.deq.louisiana.gov). Below are the resources available:

- Mission and Vision
- Qualifications for Assistance
- Compliance Advisory Panel
- Ombudsman
- SBSCAP Newsletter
- Regulations in a Nutshell
- Forms and Publications
- For SBSCAP Assistance in your area
- EPA's Small Business Environmental Home Page
- EPA's Small Business Ombudsman
- Facility Name Change and Change of Ownership Procedures
- Pre-Permit Meetings
- Resources for Small Businesses
- Video Overview of the SBSCAP
- Annual Report
- Calendars

## Case Studies for 2006



Rodney Duhon (left), owner of D&L Industrial Painters, Inc., Sulphur, La., with SBSCAP Engineer, Markle Farber

### D&L Industrial Painters, Inc. Sulphur, La.

Operations: Painting and Surface Preparation  
Number of Employees: 6  
SIC Code: 3479  
No. of Point Sources: 3

D&L Industrial Painters, Inc., began painting equipment in 1992. The company prepares surfaces by sandblasting and soda blasting for coating applications. Since 1992, they have expanded their services to include U.S. Army contracts and painting heavy industrial equipment.

The company has relied on SBSCAP in the past for site



improvements related to their environmental responsibilities, and for assistance in communicating with LDEQ. Currently, SBSCAP has been working with them to develop an efficient paint/solvent product tracking spreadsheet, as well as offering suggestions on their operation procedural processes.

*"I would not be in business today without the SBSCAP. As a taxpayer, it makes me feel good to know that this assistance is available and top quality,"* said Mr. Duhon.



## Case Studies for 2006



Chris Beisser, owner of Southern Innovative Services, Broussard, La.

### Southern Innovative Services Broussard, La.

Operations: Dirt Work, Earthwork  
for highways  
Number of Employees: 4  
SIC Code: 1794  
No. of Point Sources: 2

After a heavy rainfall in the summer of 2006, Southern Innovative Services, located in Broussard, LA, was in need of pumping out two (2) of their dirt pits, which had filled with rainwater.

Mr. Chris Beisser contacted the SBSCAP in the LDEQ Lafayette Regional Office for assistance. He wanted to ensure that they met all the

federal and state rules regarding environmental quality. Ryan Brignac, SBSCAP Environmental Scientist III, visited the facility and assessed their operation.

After discussing what permit(s) would be needed, Mr. Brignac and Mr. Beisser completed the appropriate Notice of Intent, and submitted it to LDEQ.

Mr. Beisser said, *"This has been a great help; it would have taken us much more time had we done this on our own."*

## Highlights of Year 2006

2006 Summary of Assistance	
Permit Applications Completed	364
Site Visits	1,078
Phone calls & Hotline calls	2,096
Letters, E-mail, Faxes	1,166
Presentations	42
Workshops, Seminars, etc.	63
Newly Permitted Facilities	260
Outreach letters:	367
Dept. of Health & Hospitals Referral Letters mailed	241
SBSCAP Introduction Letters mailed	73
Sanitary Wastewater Letters mailed	53

### Publication and Distribution:

- (1) SBSCAP quarterly newsletter - published on SBSCAP web page, approximately 5,584 mailed and 644 sent electronically;
- (2) 2006 Dry Cleaner Compliance - published on the SBSCAP web page and sent electronically to seven dry cleaner distributors;
- (3) 2006 Small Business Reporting Calendars - published on SBSCAP web page and sent electronically to a trade association;
- (4) General brochures - approximately 1,000 distributed at workshops, seminars, meetings; and
- (5) 2006 Annual Report - printed 130, published on the SBSCAP web page, and sent electronically to state officials and other SBAP managers.

## Highlights of Year 2006 (Continued)

### Television Interviews:

- (1) WBRZ-TV, Channel 2, Baton Rouge, La., Apr. 14
- (2) KPLC-TV, Lake Charles, La., Aug. 15
- (3) KTAL-TV, Channel 6, Shreveport, La., Aug. 20
- (4) KTBS-TV, Channel 3, Shreveport, La., Aug. 21
- (5) KATC-TV, Lafayette, La., Aug. 25
- (6) KTAL-TV, Channel 6, Shreveport, La., Oct. 5

### Outreach Activities:

- Attended several parish meetings concerning hurricane debris/recovery efforts in St. Bernard, Assumption, Cameron, Convent, St. James, and Plaquemines Parishes, Jan.-Aug. 2006.
- Participated in LDEQ Hazardous Waste Report Workshops around the state, Jan. 2006.
- Participated in LDEQ Underground Storage Tank Seminars around the state, Jan.-Dec. 2006.
- Participated in the Louisiana Recovery Authority “Louisiana Speaks Meeting” on long-term recovery planning in Baton Rouge, Grand Lake, Alexandria, and New Iberia, La., Jan. 2006.
- Participated in the LOBOS Industrial Show and hosted a booth in Baton Rouge, La., Jan. 2006.
- Attended Southwest Louisiana Team Green monthly meetings in Lake Charles, La., Jan.-Dec. 2006.
- Participated in the Regional Science Fair as judge at Southeastern University, Hammond, La., Mar. 2006
- Attended Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation meetings in Hammond, La., Mar.-Jun. 2006.
- Participated in Home Builders Association meetings around the state, Jan.-Dec. 2006.
- Participated in several Earth Day Festivals around the state, Apr.-May 2006.

## Case Studies for 2006



James C. Willett (left) owner of Gators & Friends, L.L.C., in Greenwood, La.

### **Gators & Friends, L.L.C. Greenwood, La.**

Operations: Animal Park

Number of Employees: 4

SIC Code: 8422

No. of Point Sources: 1

(sanitary wastewater discharge into the alligator pond into the local drainage)

James Willett and his family constructed an animal park in Greenwood, La., featuring hundreds of alligators of various sizes; the largest being 10 ft long. Alligators and other exotic animals such as lemurs, camels, and various species of deer are showcased in pens that allow visitors easy access for viewing. The facility features a pavilion and rooms for parties and meetings by local groups. It also provides many educational opportunities for visitors to learn about various animals, and enjoy watching them.

Mr. Willett needed a wastewater discharge permit for the extended aeration plant servicing the visitor's center and restaurant located on the site, as well as the wastewater

discharge from the alligator pond to the local ditch. The SBSCAP technical advisors guided Mr. Willett through the necessary steps to complete and submit the wastewater discharge application to LDEQ.

*“I really appreciate the help Larry and Ron gave us in starting our new business. I think a lot of small business owners are not aware of all the rules and regulations and would have to spend a lot of money on consultants. Thanks,”* said Jim Willett.



## Awards

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**Beth Altazan-Dixon**, SBSCAP Environmental Project Specialist III, received the Professional Certificate for completing prescribed courses and participation in the Professional Certificate Assessment Center in December 2006.

**Cynthia Clark**, SBSCAP Environmental Scientist, received the Professional Certificate for completing prescribed courses and participation in the Professional Certificate Assessment Center in December 2006.



## Highlights of Year 2006 (Continued)

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- Participated in the Louisiana Oil Marketers & Convenience Store Association, Lafayette, La., Apr. 2006.
- Participated in Environmental Justice Community meetings in Morgan City, Apr.-May 2006.
- Participated in FEMA's IS-100-800 training courses and NIMS training, May 2006.
- Attended the Tangipahoa River Task Force Committee Monthly meetings in Hammond, La., Apr.-Nov. 2006.
- Attended Caddo-Bossier Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting in Shreveport, La., May 2006.
- Participated and hosted a booth at the Air, Water, & Waste Management Assoc. Conf. in New Orleans, La., Jun. 2006.
- Attended LDEQ Sanitary Wastewater Assistance Training in Regional Offices around the state, Aug.-Sept. 2006.
- Participated and manned a booth at the La. Math/Science Teacher Conf., Shreveport, La., Oct. 2006.
- Planned, organized, and conducted a Stormwater MS-4 training workshop, Shreveport, La., Oct. 2006.
- Participated in the International Executive Housekeeper Assoc. meeting in Shreveport, La., Nov. 2006.
- Participated in the Northwest Louisiana Home Builders Association meeting in Shreveport, La., Dec. 2006.

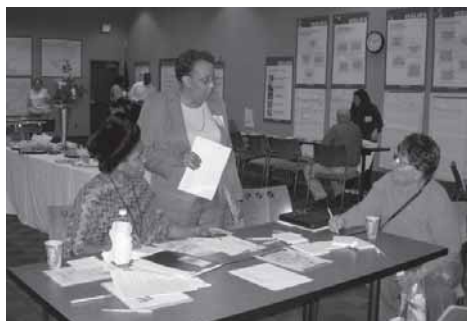


## Activities for 2006



The Louisiana Recovery Authority, created by Governor Kathleen Babineaux Blanco in the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, is a planning and coordinating body assisting the Governor prepare a vision for Louisiana's recovery. The LRA's main focus is to identify and prioritize short-and long-term recovery needs based upon input from citizens around the state.

Patrick Devillier, SBSCAP Engineer, participated in the **LRA and FEMA jointly hosted open forum** at the LDEQ Galvez Building in Baton Rouge, La., Jan. 2006. He networked with attendees, explained SBSCAP's services, and offered assistance with environmental issues. Displaced citizens had the opportunity



to express their opinions on how reconstruction and planning should proceed. Citizens completed surveys, voted on various questions, and posted comments on what they thought planning and spending priorities ought to be.

## Small Business Ombudsman



LDEQ Ombudsman, Nathan Levy (right), greets Mr. Randy Peterson, guest speaker, at the LDEQ Headquarters in Baton Rouge, La.

I have been appointed to serve as the Small Business Ombudsman for small businesses dealing with LDEQ. My goals are to:

- Facilitate communication between the small business community and LDEQ.
- Review and resolve small business disputes with LDEQ, and work with LDEQ personnel to increase their understanding of small business concerns in the development and enforcement of environmental regulations.
- Help foster small business accessibility to LDEQ processes.

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## Compliance Advisory Panel



(Left to right): Steve Ayers, Frank Kean, Ed Overton, Andrew Guinn (Chairman), Linda Levy (LDEQ Administrator), Nathan Levy (LDEQ Small Business Ombudsman), and Yanfu Zhao (Manager, SBSCAP).



The CAP met in April, June, September, and December at LDEQ Headquarters in Baton Rouge, La.

During the year, the CAP heard speakers from LDEQ talk on topics such as clarifying the definition of “potential-to-emit” for small sources, new rules that may affect small businesses, the expedited permit processing rule, and regulatory permits (permit-by-rule). The CAP was actively involved in the development process of regulatory permitting for small emission sources.

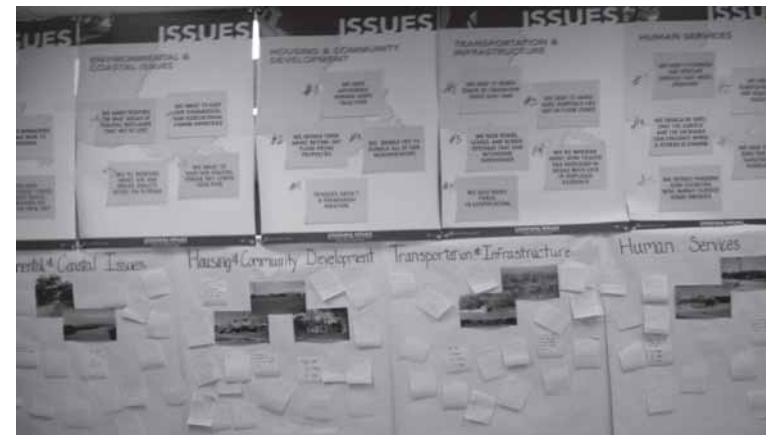
## Activities for 2006



Ryan Brignac, SBSCAP Environmental Scientist, represented LDEQ at the **Louisiana Recovery Authority Meeting** in New Iberia, LA., January 2006. Citizens met to discuss issues ranging from economic development to environmental impact of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. This



site was one of many around the state; approximately 40-50 people attended this meeting and had many good ideas on how to help the state through this difficult time.





## Activities for 2006



Patrick Devillier, SBSCAP Engineer, spoke to a group of Underground Storage Tank owners and operators about the SBSCAP program and how the engineering technical advisors can help them with environmental issues. The **UST training class** was held in Baton Rouge, La., at the LDEQ Galvez Building in January 2006.

LDEQ has hosted a number of training classes on UST regulations around the

state since 2005. The goal is to enhance owner/operator understanding of regulatory requirements and to gain compliance with all provisions, especially release detection, testing, and record keeping. These classes are mainly for UST owners/operators with expedited penalties who are required to attend the training.

## Activities for 2006



SBSCAP's Environmental Scientist, Ron Gray, and Engineer Larry Lashley (not shown), gave presentations to a group of engineers and commercial contractors at a **4-Hour Continual Education Class sponsored by ADS**, a national erosion and sediment control equipment manufacturing and sales company. The meeting was held at the Holidome in Bossier City, La., December 2006.

Ron and Larry presented an update on the status of the MS-4 permit and compliance, in addition to permit requirements for the stormwater construction general permit, stormwater construction posted notices, and how and where to access LDEQ documents.

They also talked about Total Maximum Daily Loading and how it will impact future construction projects.



## Activities for 2006

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Cynthia Clark, SBSCAP Environmental Scientist, presented a talk on Green Cleaning to the **North Louisiana Chapter of the International Executive Housekeepers Association Meeting** at the Shriner's Hospital in Shreveport, La., December 2006. Green Cleaning is a movement to eliminate cleaning agents and practices that contain hazardous or toxic components, and replace them with environmentally friendly products. The concept of Green Cleaning is becoming a well accepted practice in hospitals. The attendees, who are employed by the local hospitals in the area, received continuing education credits for the

session. Cynthia received a plaque of appreciation from Cleveland White, president of the IEHA.



## Activities for 2006

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Ron Gray, SBSCAP Environmental Scientist, participated in the **Ag Expo 2006** in Monroe, La., at the Civic Center in January 2006. The Department of Agriculture and the Louisiana Forestry Association presented classes for Master Logger certification. Without this certification, logs harvested by loggers will not be accepted at the major lumber mills for processing. Ron presented a talk on hazardous material spills, how to recognize them, cleanup methods, how to report a spill and what elements are addressed in a Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasures Plan. Approximately 50 loggers attended this class.



## Activities for 2006

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Patrick Devillier, SBSCAP Engineer, presented an overview of the SBSCAP program, “*Small Business/Small Community Assistance from LDEQ*,” at the **Greater Baton Rouge Industrial Show (LOBOS)** at the Baton Rouge River Center, in Baton Rouge, LA, January, 2006. A video of the presentation is on the SBSCAP web page.

## Activities for 2006

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panelists Linda Gauthier, Kelli McNulty, Missy David, Madelon Carter, and EPA instructors Diana McDonald and David Long from EPA Region 6 Storm Water Team, answering questions from the floor. Assisting with the field training were Rashida Shivers and Mike Wilson from EPA, and LDEQ field instructors Missy David, Madelon Carter, Ronnie Kay and Ron Gray. Over 100 people around the state attended the training.





## Activities for 2006

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(Left to Right): Larry Lashley, SBSCAP Engineer, David Long and Diana McDonald, EPA Region 6 Storm Water Team, Dallas, Tx., and Ron Gray, SBSCAP Environmental Scientist. Speakers were presented appreciation gifts of bird houses made by Larry Lashley.

LDEQ's SBSCAP and Northwest Regional Office hosted a **"Stormwater Construction Permit Inspector Training and MS-4 Internal Audit Training Program"** along with EPA Region 6, and the City of Shreveport, and Bossier City, La. It was held in Shreveport, La., at the Shreveport's Independence Stadium Sky Club, October 2006. The goal was to provide appropriate training for state and local inspectors to conduct effective evaluation of construction stormwater permits and pollution prevention plans, and how the plan was being carried out at the job site.

Mr. Otis Randle, LDEQ NWRO Manager, and Dr. Harold Leggett, Assistant Secretary of the Office of Environmental Compliance, welcomed the attendees at the beginning of the first day of the program. Day One of the program covered in-depth classroom instruction on stormwater construction inspection, followed by actual field inspections. On the second day of the program, administrators and staff members received training on internal auditing and report preparation.

An open panel discussion concluded the program with LDEQ

## Activities for 2006

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Markle Farber, SBSCAP Engineer in the LDEQ Lake Charles Regional Office, is standing in front of a debris pile at Grand Lake, La. in Cameron Parish, March 2006. LDEQ was heavily involved in the cleanup operations since Hurricane Rita devastated southwestern Louisiana in 2005. Substantial progress has been made thanks to the concerted efforts of many dedicated people. Markle assisted the Emergency Operations Center that included LDEQ, EPA, Corps of Engineers, U.S. Coast Guard, and local government

agencies. He attended various parish meetings and maintained a communication link between parish operations and LDEQ.



## Activities for 2006

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Patrick Devillier, SBSCAP Engineer, presented the SBSCAP program at the **“Meet Your Regulator Day,”** sponsored by the South Central Industrial Association, in Galliano, La., March 2006. Other regulators on the panel discussion included LDEQ, OSHA, DOTD, and USCG.



Larry Lashley, SBSCAP Engineer, Cynthia Clark and Ron Gray, SBSCAP Environmental Scientists, participated in the LDEQ **Underground Storage Tank training seminar** at Louisiana Technical College in Shreveport, La., March 2006.

## Activities for 2006

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A reporter from KTAL-TV, Channel 6, interviewed Ron Gray, SBSCAP Environmental Scientist, at a meeting about a facility in Shreveport, La., October 2006.



As a result of being seen on a local TV morning talk show, Ron Gray, SBSCAP Environmental Scientist (middle), and SBSCAP Engineer Larry Lashley (not shown) were invited to speak at three sessions of the **Northwest Louisiana Home Builders Association Meeting** in Shreveport, La., in September 2006. The topics were stormwater construction general permits and the MS-4s role in construction site inspections. Over 70 builders attended the sessions.

## Activities for 2006

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Sonja Bailes, KTBS-TV, Channel 3, interviewed Ron Gray, SBSCAP Environmental Scientist, on the SBSCAP program for public awareness in Shreveport, La., August 2006.



Left to right: KATC-TV morning talk show hosts Kari Hall, Tom Voinche, Ryan Brignac, SBSCAP Environmental Scientist, and Tracy Wirtz. Ryan was interviewed by Tracy Wirtz at the KATC-TV station on the SBSCAP program for public awareness in Lafayette, La., August 2006.

## Activities for 2006

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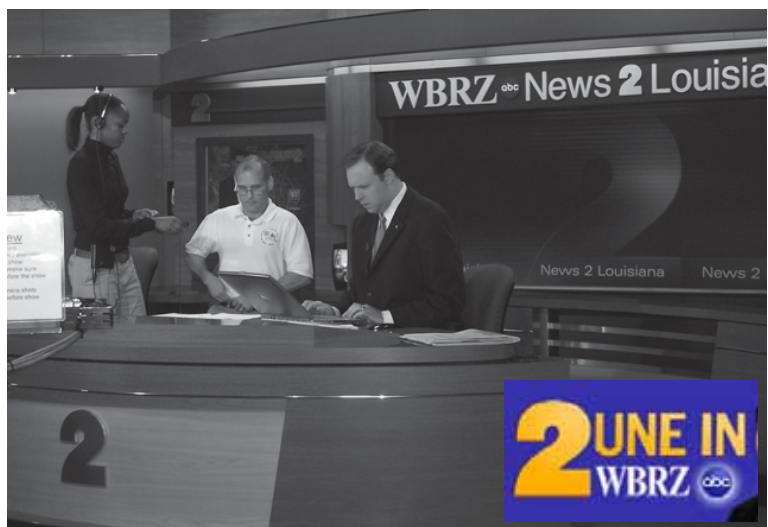


Mike Savoy, SBSCAP Engineer (top), and Ryan Brignac, Environmental Scientist (not shown), gave a presentation on permit requirements for construction activities to the **Acadiana Home Builders Association** in Lafayette, La., March 2006.



## Activities for 2006

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Todd Ross (right) of WBRZ-TV, Channel 2, interviewed Patrick Devillier, SBSCAP Engineer, about the SBSCAP program for public awareness in Baton Rouge, La., April 2006.



Ron Gray, SBSCAP Environmental Scientist, gave a presentation on hazardous chemical spills at the **Timber Association Master Loggers** training classes in Alexandria and Winnfield, La., April 2006.

## Activities for 2006

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LDEQ hosted a series of community meetings to inform the public about the agency's **Small Business/Small Community Assistance Program and the Mercury Initiative**. Speakers at the Lake Charles, La. meeting in August 2006, were Markle Farber, SBSCAP Engineer (far right photo), Kimberly Gallo, Ph.D., (bottom left photo), LDEQ's Community and Industry Relations Group, and Chris Piehler, Clean Waters Project Director, (top photo), Surveillance Division.



## Activities for 2006



Jennifer Summers, Environmental Scientist, Air Analysis Section, and Patrick Devillier, SBSCAP Engineer (middle), networked with attendees at the LDEQ booth at the **Air and Waste Management Association Conference** in Baton Rouge, La., June 2006.



Ron Gray, SBSCAP Environmental Scientist, presented a talk on LDEQ's water permit discharge inspections to wastewater treatment operators at the **Louisiana Rural Water Association Meeting** in Alexandria, La., July 2006.



## Activities for 2006



Ryan Brignac, SBSCAP Environmental Scientist (upper right photo), and Mike Savoy, SBSCAP Engineer (lower left photo on the right), manned a booth at the annual **LOMCSA Expo** held in the Cajundome Convention Center, Lafayette, La., April 2006.



### Vision

Our vision is to make environmental compliance and pollution prevention assistance and information available to every small business and small community in Louisiana that can benefit from it.

## Activities for 2006

### Earth Day festivals around Louisiana



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## Activities for 2006



Ron Gray, SBSCAP Environmental Scientist, presented a talk on hazardous chemical spills to the **Timber Association Master Loggers** training classes at the Zwolle Timber Festival in Zwolle, La., May 2006.



Ryan Brignac, SBSCAP Environmental Scientist (left photo on right) presented a talk on air permit regulations to concerned citizens at the **Environmental Justice Community Meeting** in Morgan City, La., May 2006.